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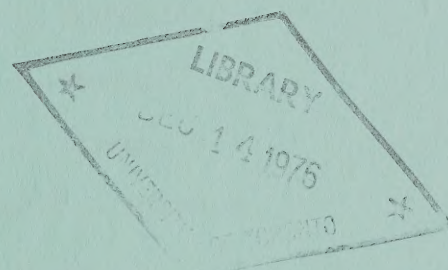
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MINUTES

5-0069 MEETING

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LOCATION

University of Windsor

DATE AND TIME

May 2, 1975
10:30 a.m.

5-0070 PRESENT

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FORMULA REVISION

The Windsor delegation commented in detail on the various components of suggested formula revisions.

In part the brief proposed an "additional grant for experimentation and innovation" to be provided on a negotiated development basis, separate from funds required to meet fixed costs and to offset inflation. The delegation felt that in a situation of continuing fiscal stringency such development grants would be used as seed funding for capital and equipment projects but not employee expansion. Once anticipated development had been achieved through the use of the experimentation funds, continuing costs would be included in the base of fixed costs.

The brief also called for funding in addition to the formula which would be "appropriate reimbursement for unusual or unexpected growth". The delegation explained that such funding would compensate for student demand shifts into subject areas where system-wide capacity was filled. Such support would not recognise general growth. It was reported that Windsor could absorb up to 1500 students in unrealised capacity areas without increased expenditure.

The delegation indicated that Windsor at present was providing as much support as possible to professional areas, perhaps to the detriment of non-professional disciplines. It was felt that student weights in law and nursing should be increased. In the case of law it was noted that library holdings and student services had been growing at less than a preferred rate. Nursing reported an understaffing situation with a student:faculty ratio of 16:1. With regard to the latter the delegation agreed to forward additional information on: the clinical cost differential experienced by

Windsor's School of Nursing compared to similar schools in universities which have medical faculties; and, the extent to which clinical costs in nursing could be recovered from the Ministry of Health and the degree of alleviation such recovery would represent. Generally the delegation felt that student weights should be related to programme costs and growth ought to be related in a non-linear way to growth costs. Reference was also made to an under-staffing situation in the School of Social Work.

With regard to distinctions between general and honours students the delegation expressed preference for a continuation of weight differentiation in the undergraduate arts and science streams. However, it was felt that the current emphasis on student weights would diminish simultaneously with enrolment desensitization of the formula. The delegation agreed to forward data describing a 150 BIU differential between Windsor's current total undergraduate Arts and Science BIUs and the total that would accrue should an average weight of 1.24 be applied.

5-0072

TUITION FEES

The delegation noted that the Board of Governors keenly felt the loss of autonomy in matters of fee levels. It was pointed out that in the United States small liberal arts colleges were being forced to close because they did not enjoy student demand adequate to establish fee levels which would offset costs.

5-0073

ACCESSIBILITY

The delegation reported that Windsor offered credit courses in English and Mathematics primarily directed toward remedy of skill deficiencies. Also offered by the University, on a non-credit basis, was a pre-entrance programme in Mathematics preparation. The latter was reported to cost the University approximately \$5,000 per annum.

It was felt that deficiencies in Mathematics and English were created in elementary schools and that corrective measures should be initiated at that level. The situation would not be alleviated by grade 13 prerequisite requirements but the delegation felt that system-wide tests administered in the penultimate year of high school would have multi-purpose applications for grade 13 guidance, university admissions, and other post-secondary guidance. The latter method it was felt would force Government to recognise the value of such testing for the individual, the post-secondary system, and the secondary school system.

The delegation felt that in the quantitative and numerical disciplines student success depended primarily on the level of preparedness at entry whereas in the humanities areas immediate relevant experience did not appear to be as necessary.

5-0074

STUDENT SUPPORT

In the current year 13% of all graduate students at Windsor received no support. In the humanities this proportion reached a high of 38%. Student support in the humanities and social sciences was reportedly lower only at one other university in the Province. Windsor ranked 7th in science graduate student support. The current maximum teaching assistanceship awarded was \$2700. The delegation reported a decrease in the number of Ontario Graduate Scholarships.

The removal of an agreed-to maximum for graduate student support it was felt created financial competition for students among universities.

5-0075

GRADUATE STUDIES

The delegation felt that the distinction between general and specialized graduate programmes should be retained. It was

suggested that ACAP had not been carrying out macro-planning but that such planning would be particularly beneficial to smaller universities. Early resolution of the debate on monitoring mechanisms was felt necessary. The delegation preferred continuance of the current OCGS/COU appraisals mechanism.

5-0076

SYSTEM-WIDE COORDINATION

In the area of computer coordination Windsor reported involvement in cooperative software projects with the University of Western Ontario. Costs of the computer operation were closely monitored and a saving of 40% in rental had been achieved in a third party leasing agreement with a firm in Michigan. Core capacity of the current hardware had been enlarged to meet the University's anticipated needs over the next 3 years without increased cost. Currently computer usage was divided equally between academic and administrative needs.

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MACRO-INDICATORS

Windsor had limited consideration of macro-indicators to those pertinent to faculty and students, and had no suggestions for types of indicators which could gauge non-academic levels.

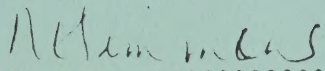
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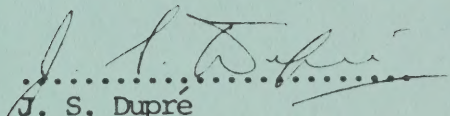
FINANCIAL OUTLOOK

The 1975-76 estimates shown in Appendix 3 of the brief had not yet received Board approval.

In the discussion of faculty salaries it was noted that had the University provided a 15% rather than 14.5% faculty salary increase without reducing the 1974-75 complement, the cost of faculty salaries would have increased by \$440,000.

The Chairman of the Board stressed the extensive planning efforts currently being undertaken by that body, notably investigation of the efficiency of Board, Senate, and administrative structures. He pointed out that short-term planning results and additional information on long-term plans for the University of Windsor would be available in the fall.


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N. E. Simmons
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